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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as shown below:

A brokering facility, which can be connected to a voice communication network, includes ~~recording means~~ a recorder for recording, under voice menu control, tender information from any tenderers calling via the voice communication network, and a database for storing the tender information. The brokering facility also includes ~~requesting means~~ a requestor for any parties calling via the voice communication network to request, under voice menu control, tender information stored in the database.